

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. **(Previously Amended)** A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

subscription requesting means for enabling a user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, the subscription requesting means comprising a selection formula, wherein the selection formula is programmed with search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals without additional user intervention;

subscription parameter receiving means for receiving at least one subscription parameter from the user wherein the at least one subscription parameter indicates a type of information to retrieve;

search performing means for performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription;

subscription retrieving means for retrieving the information matching the subscription; and

subscription notification means for notifying the user of matched and retrieved information.

2. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 1, wherein the search performing means performs the search of the at least one database on a random basis.

3. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 2, wherein the search performing means performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.

4. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 1, further comprising option input means for enabling a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.

5. **(Cancelled).**

6. **(Previously Amended)** A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

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a subscription requesting object that enables a user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, the subscription requesting object comprising a selection formula, wherein the selection formula is programmed with search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals without additional user intervention;

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a subscription parameter receiving object that receives at least one subscription parameter from the user, wherein the subscription parameter indicates a type of information to retrieve;

a search performing object that performs a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription;

a subscription retrieving object that retrieves the information matching the subscription; and

subscription notification means for notifying the user of matched and retrieved information.

7. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 6, wherein the search performing object performs the search of the at least one database on a random basis.

8. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 7, wherein the search performing object performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.

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9. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 6, further comprising an option input object that enables a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.

10. **(Cancelled).**

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11. **(Previously Amended)** A method for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising the steps of:

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requesting a subscription for at least one non-web document from at least one database, wherein the request comprises a selection formula, wherein the selection formula is programmed with search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals without additional user intervention;

receiving at least one subscription parameter from a user, wherein the at least one subscription parameter indicates a type of information to be retrieved;

performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription;

retrieving the information matching the subscription; and

notifying the user of matched and retrieved information.

12. **(Previously Added)** The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of presenting the information to the user.

13. **(Previously Added)** The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of periodically searching the at least one database.

14. **(Previously Added)** The method of claim 13, wherein the step of periodically searching the at least one database is performed on a random basis.

15. **(Previously Added)** The method of claim 14, wherein the step of periodically searching the at least one database is performed on a periodic basis selected by the user.

16. **(Previously Amended)** A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling a system user to request

a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

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subscription requesting processor readable code for causing a processor to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, the subscription requesting processor readable code comprising a selection formula, wherein the selection formula is programmed with search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals without additional user intervention;

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subscription parameter receiving processor readable code for causing a processor to receive at least one subscription parameter from a user wherein the at least one subscription parameter indicates a type of information to retrieve;

search performing processor readable code for causing a processor to perform a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription;

information retrieving processor readable code for causing a processor to retrieve the information matching the subscription; and

subscription notifying processor readable code for causing a processor to notify the user of matched and retrieved information.

17. **(Previously Added)** The medium of claim 16, wherein the search performing processor readable code performs the search of the at least one database on a random basis.

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18. **(Previously Added)** The medium of claim 17, wherein the search performing processor readable code performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.

19. **(Previously Added)** The medium of claim 16, further comprising option input processor readable code for causing a processor to enable a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.

20. **(Cancelled).**

21. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one database is a Lotus Notes database.

22. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 1, further comprising subscription presenting means for presenting the subscription to the user.

23. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 22, wherein the subscription presenting means presents the subscription as an electronic mail message.

24. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 6, wherein the at least one database is a Lotus Notes database.

25. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 6, further comprising subscription presenting means for presenting the subscription to the user.

26. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 25, wherein in the subscription presenting means presents the subscription as an electronic mail message.

27. **(Previously Added)** The method of claim 11, wherein the at least one database is a Lotus Notes database.

28. **(Previously Added)** The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of presenting the subscription to the user.

29. **(Previously Added)** The method of claim 28, wherein the presenting step presents the subscription as an electronic mail message.

30. **(Previously Added)** The medium of claim 16, wherein the at least

one database is a Lotus Notes database.

31. **(Previously Added)** The medium of claim 16, further comprising subscription presenting processor readable code for causing a processor to present the subscription to the user.

32. **(Previously Added)** The medium of claim 31, wherein the subscription presenting processor readable code presents the subscription as an electronic mail message.

33. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 1, further comprising syntax checking means for determining whether code input in the programmed selection formula is correct.

34. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 1, further comprising subscription disabling means for temporarily discontinuing the subscription for a predetermined period of time.

35. **(Previously Added)** The system of claim 1, wherein the search criteria corresponding to the subscription is an electronic mail message containing a predetermined text.

36. **(New)** A method for providing a subscription to information from a plurality of databases comprising:

enabling a user to input search criteria specifying the information to which the user wants to subscribe, said search criteria including a search formula;

performing a search in the plurality of databases to identify the information corresponding to said search criteria and said search formula, wherein said search is performed periodically and automatically without additional user's input;

retrieving said identified information; and

presenting said retrieved information to the user.